

9 November 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: SR/COP

SUBJECT

: Consolidation and Conservation of Assets in Latvia

1. In order that the current operational situation in Latvia be a understood fully, a few of the more important highlights need to be recounted:

a. GAMUSO/2 (along with CAMUSOS 1 and 3) was dispatched to Latwia on 28 August 1952. Despite loss of his immediate partner, CAMUSO/1, and of a mejor part of his equipment in a Soviet ambush, and despite the apprehension of CAMUSO/3 by the Soulet ambusities, GAMUSO/2 had managed to sustain himself in the Higa area.

b. On 15 may 1953, ARMAS/2 was dispatched with support for CAMESO/2. He has never been heard from since.

c. On 9 May 1954, CARRARO/2 was dispotented with support for CARRESO/2 and was able to establish contact with this agent.

d. In accordance with instructions to both agents, they turned ever most of their equipment to their replacements, buried a siner pertian of their equipment, and prepared for their exfiltration excess the Nervegian/USSR border.

- e. Departing High on 13 September 195h, the agents reached Namenack on 18 September 195h. Finding the control situation intensified—as already reported by a previously dispatched accomplish their exfiltration by a deviation from the original plan.
- f. Finding it impossible to surmount the physical as well as men-made obstacles, the agents abandoned their plans for exfiltration assess this border and returned to Riga on 5 October 1954.
- g. Since then one S/W message has been received from each agent which indicated that their morale is quite low and that a great deal of guidance regarding their activities over the next four months is sorely needed.
- 2. Because of the complicated situation existing at the present timeand so that the plan outlined below can be fully understood---it is eassidered most essential at this time to identify all internal personalities
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a. CAMUSO/2's recruits:

- (1) AECOB/1: A locksmith an imechanic who has access to various Government buildings in connection with his profession. AECOB/1 has been briefed and trained in clandestine operations by GLA.SO/2 who also turned over to him an S/W system and a two-way letter channel for communication. AECOB/1 will transmit to us any positive intelligence received from ECOB/2.
- (2) AECCB/2: A garage manager with access to an automobile and travel documents. He has serviced as well as established caches on several occasions and has made his apartment available to CAMUSO/2 for the reception of our blind broadcasts to him. Fully witting of CAMUSO/2's mission, AECOB/2 has been briefed and trained in clandestins operations by the former.

b. CAMBARO/2's recruits:

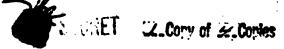
- (1) ASCOB/3: A former rember of the Latvian Legion, presently employed as a school teacher. ASCOB/3 has been trained in clandestine operations by CA-BRABO/2 who also turned over to him CA-MSO/2: M/7 receiver, signal plans, cipher pads, S/W inks and mail drops. ASCOB/3 is completely compartmented from CAMUSO/2 and AUCOBS 1, 2 h. He is already able to receive W/T traffic to a limited degree and is at present being further trained by CA-BARO/2.
- (2) ABODB/h: A former member of the Latvian Legion and a trained agent for German Intelligence during the first Russian Occupation (19h0-h1), is believed to have extensive contact with other former German agents and dissident (former) Latvian Legionnaires. He has no knowledge what—sower of any of the AECOBS or of CAMISO/2. AECOB/h was contacted by CAMEARO/2 in late August and trained in S/W techniques. He was given operational currency, CAMEARO/2's S/W developer and one of CAMEARO/2's letter-drop addresses. Recognition signals for establishing direct contact and control and compromise indicators for use in S/W messages were devised for AECOB/h's use by CAMEARO/2.
- (3) ABCOM/5: A veterinarian recruited by CAMBARO/2 for use as a support point for safe-house and medical facilities. Recognition phrases for establishing direct contact with AECOM/5 have been devised by CAMBARO/2 who has now broken off all contact with him.



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- 3. The problem at this time is a twofold one: to consolidate and to conserve all assets in Latvia, paying marticular attention to secure compartmentation and to keeping the agents alive over the winter. In order to accomplish this, the following plan, divided into three phases, is presented herewith for approval:
 - a. Phase I -- Consolidation: Preparatory work to achieve this goal has already begun with some initial midance transmitted to CAPRARO/8 in hassages Nos. 4 and 5. It is anticipated that by 1 January 1955 we will have independent, compartmented S/H communications with AECORS/1, 3, and 4, in addition to those communication facilities already established with CAPRARO/2 and CAPROSO/2. The following matter still need a great deal of attention during this consolidation phase:
 - (1) Arrangements for new or additional control and compromise indicators with ABCCS/1, 3, and b. In cases where some control and compromise indicators have already been established by either GN25TC/2 or GNUSO/2, clarification and a new understanding between the needy recruited agents needs to be attained.
 - (2) Here complete compartmentation must be created. It is heped to accomplish this by having the agente establish new dead drops with their recruiter (either CAMBAD/2 or CAMBAD/2); these deed drops will only be serviced when both parties involved receive instructions from us to service them. In effect, this means that, for example, if ABCOM/3 places a message in his deed drop for CAMBAD/2, he must report the fact that he has placed such a message in the drop to us. We will then instruct CAMBAD/2 to service this drop. Although this method does not allow any leasury for emergency contact between agents—a contact which may sensitive be based on a "matter of life and deeth need —it is felt that in the long run this will preserve the agents more than would their shillty to get in touch with each other in case of emergency.
 - (3) The initial interchange of messages between the mody recruited assets and curselves will enable as not only to engage in an analysis of style and handwriting of each agent, but will also place us in a position to assign to each individual agent individual reporting requirements while at the same time reserving and cultivating each repaticular agent for a particular set of sparational tasks. For emaple: ADOB/1 and his assistant, ADOB/2, having proved their shility to travel great distances, can be reserved and cultivated for the task of emand novement of agents dispatched to the Paltie area in the future, while ABOOB/h with his extensive contexts may possibly be



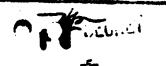
cultivated and reserved for the procurement of documentation as well as for the possible recruitment of a clerk in the Central Recording Cfffice in Riga, who would record the documentation of an agent dispatched to Latvia. As indicated, these are only ideas and possibilities; it will obviously take a great deal of assessing, testing, and planning prior to developing the newly recruited assets into operational specialists.

b. Phase II--Conservation:

- (1) Whereas in Phase I CAMARO/2 and CAMESO/2 will be fairly active in supporting us in the consolidation efforts, Phase II which will begin on approximately 1 January 1955—after all our assets have been compartmented and consolidated—will find CAPARO/2 and CAMESO/2 with time hanging heavy on their hands. This could become a rather serious merals problem, and imasseum as it will be too early to begin any definite, concrete properatory work for their excitivation, they will be assigned a minimum of operational as well as reporting tasks which will be designed primarily to keep them escupied while at the same time insuring that these assignments do not jeconomics their safety.
- (2) This phase will also serve to solidify our communications with the new compartmental, newly recruited agents. I great deal of guidance in message writing as well as further assessing of each agent's potentiality will need to be undertaken. It is this phase which will nake or break all our efforts in the Latvian SSR. It is anticipated that Phase II will last whill appreximately 1 March 1955.
- e- Phase III--Enfiltrations Beginning with 1 March 1955, CAMBARY/2 and CANUSC/2 will start all necessary preparatory work for their exfiltration. In this effort they will need to receive precise guidance from us. It is assumed that we will be in a position to furnish such guidance as a result of the work performed during the preceding marks. (To this end, it has been stated, one case officer will be assigned exclusively; this case officer is to have no other duties than to engage in the necessary research and preparatory work designed to exciltrate QAMBAD/2 and CAMBBO/2 in the spring of 1955.) If need be, any and all assets in Latvia will be assigned to the exciltration efforts, keeping all as compertmented as possible. Phase III will be completed when CAMBAD/2 and CAMBOD/2 have been exciltrated.



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- is. Should mother exciltration attempt fail, CMBARO/2 and CAMUSO/2 will need to be isolated even further—if this is at all possible—from the agents they have recruited because their isompointment and disillusionment will sour than to a point where they may take some ill-considered steps, regulting in serious jeopardy to the entire network. For this reason definite plans in case of another exciltration failure will be made simultaneously with the plans for exciltration.
- 5. Whether or not the enfiltration attempt is successful, AECOB/1 through 5 inclusive (as well as any additional agents recruited by either CAMBARN/2 or CAMBARN/2 or AECOB/1 through 5) will be considered as truly long range, legally existing assets, controlled solely by the SR Division. (By this time, no control in any way, shape, or form should be exercised ever these agents by either CAMBARN/2 or CAMBARN/2.)
- 6. Implementation of the above outlined plan must commune impediately if we are to run this operation professionally, thereby insuring curselves of an extensive, potentially not beneficial and well compertuated agent metwork in the Leavier SER. There is no doubt that finally, at least one MERCE effort has profesed procisely that was intended: the creation of a property compertuated, secure, and completely independent (GIA) support and reporting medicals count sting of legally residing, internally recruited agents. In line with this it should be emphasized that GAMERO/2 was assigned no other tasks then these stated above. All operations since them (AMERAS/2 and GAMERO/2) have in actuality beam operations contacted for the solidification of GAMERO/2: assets and for support to him in his attempt to emilitate. It is hoped that whatever operation is mounted in the spring of 1995 for the entilityation of CAMERO/2 and GAMERO/2 will be successful, thereby completing a most profitable operational cycle which began in the fall of 1952.
- 7. Your expeditions approval of this pinn will be greatly appreciated so that this Branch may take all necessary stope to implement this plan immediately.

Acting Chief, SW/2



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